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THANK YOU, MILES. WELL, ISN'T THIS CUTE --A ROBOT SONIC.

THIS IS FREEDOM HQ, BUT YOU'RE NOT SONIC.

AH! DOC EGGMAN! THAT MAKES SENSE.

YOU USED TO KNOW ME AS THE ANTI-SONIC. I'VE GOTTEN MY ACT--AND MY WORLD--IN ORDER. SO IT'S "KING SCOURGE" NOW. I BOOTED SONIC'S BLUE BUTT, AND HIS BUDDIES, OUT A COUPLE OF DAYS BACK.

OH-HO! I WASN'T AWARE. WELL, THAT CHANGES MY PLANS FOR TODAY.

HONEST MISTAKE. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I'M READY TO CONQUER YOUR PARTS OF THE PLANET.

THEN AGAIN, WHY PASS UP ONE UPPITY HEDGEHOG FOR ANOTHER?

MEANWHILE, IN NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...

WHAT'S UP FOR DEBATE?! WE'VE RESTED UP, SO LET'S GO KICK SOME INTER-DIMENSIONAL BUTT!

SCOURGE MAY HAVE CONQUERED THE ANTI-MOBIUS...

"MOEBIUS."

...BUT OUR WORLD IS DIFFERENT. HE WON'T MAKE HIS GAINS SO EASILY.

BESIDES, CONSIDERING THE GAINS WE'VE MADE IN ROBOTNIK'S CITY,* WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR ATTACKS ON HIM. WE CAN GET FREEDOM HQ BACK LATER.

*REMEMBER? LAST ISSUE! (STH # 190.)

THE VOTE TO LEAVE FREEDOM HQ FOR NOW?

YEA?

YEA.

NAY.

YEA.

NAY!

YEA.

I'M SORRY, BUT THE COUNCIL VOTES...

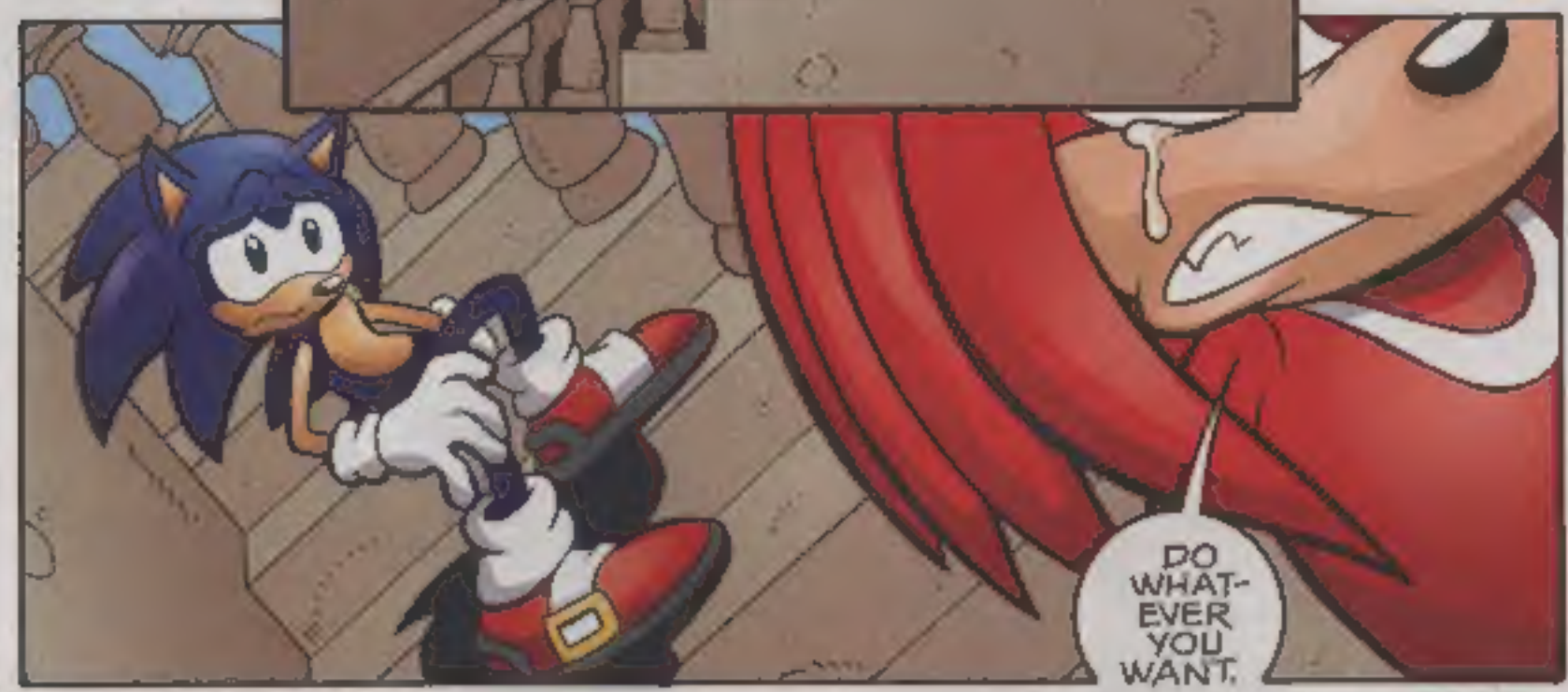
YEAH, YEAH, WE'LL SEE ABOUT *THAT.*

C'MON, KNUCKLES. WE CAN TAKE THE PLACE BACK OURSELVES.
I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE THEY HAVE A POINT.

WHAT?! DUDE, I *KNOW* YOU DON'T AGREE WITH THEM!
YOU NEED TO DO WHAT *YOU* THINK IS RIGHT.

I DID! AND NOW MY DAD IS--!

KNUX... LOOK...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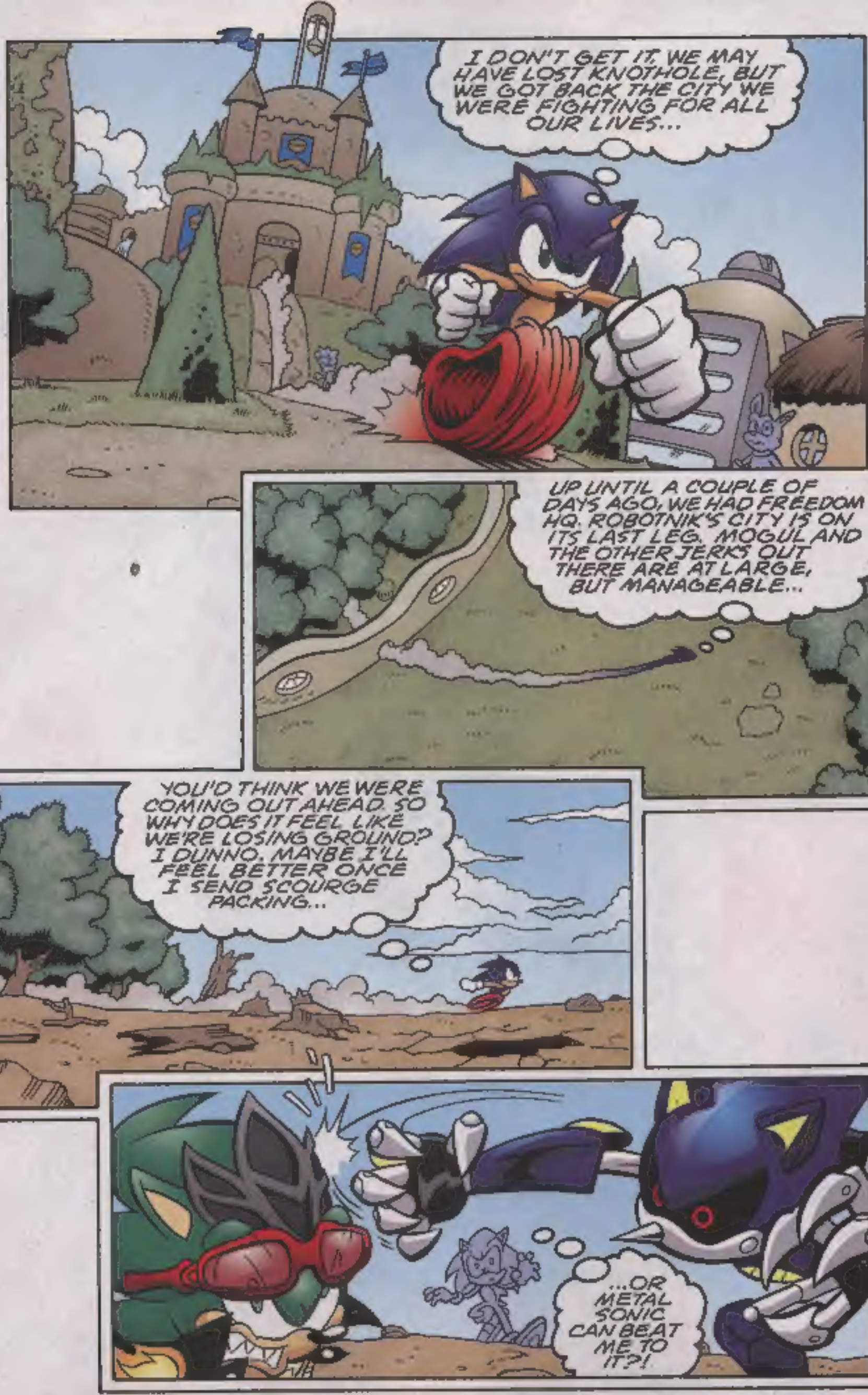

I DON'T GET IT. WE MAY HAVE LOST KNOTHOLE, BUT WE GOT BACK THE CITY WE WERE FIGHTING FOR ALL OUR LIVES...
UP UNTIL A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, WE HAD FREEDOM HQ. ROBOTNIK'S CITY IS ON ITS LAST LEG. MOGUL AND THE OTHER JERKS OUT THERE ARE AT LARGE, BUT MANAGEABLE...
YOU'D THINK WE WERE COMING OUT AHEAD. SO WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE WE'RE LOSING GROUND? I DUNNO. MAYBE I'LL FEEL BETTER ONCE I SEND SCOURGE PACKING...
...OR METAL SONIC CAN BEAT ME TO IT?!

FORGIVE ME, SIRE, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT WE SHOULD DO.

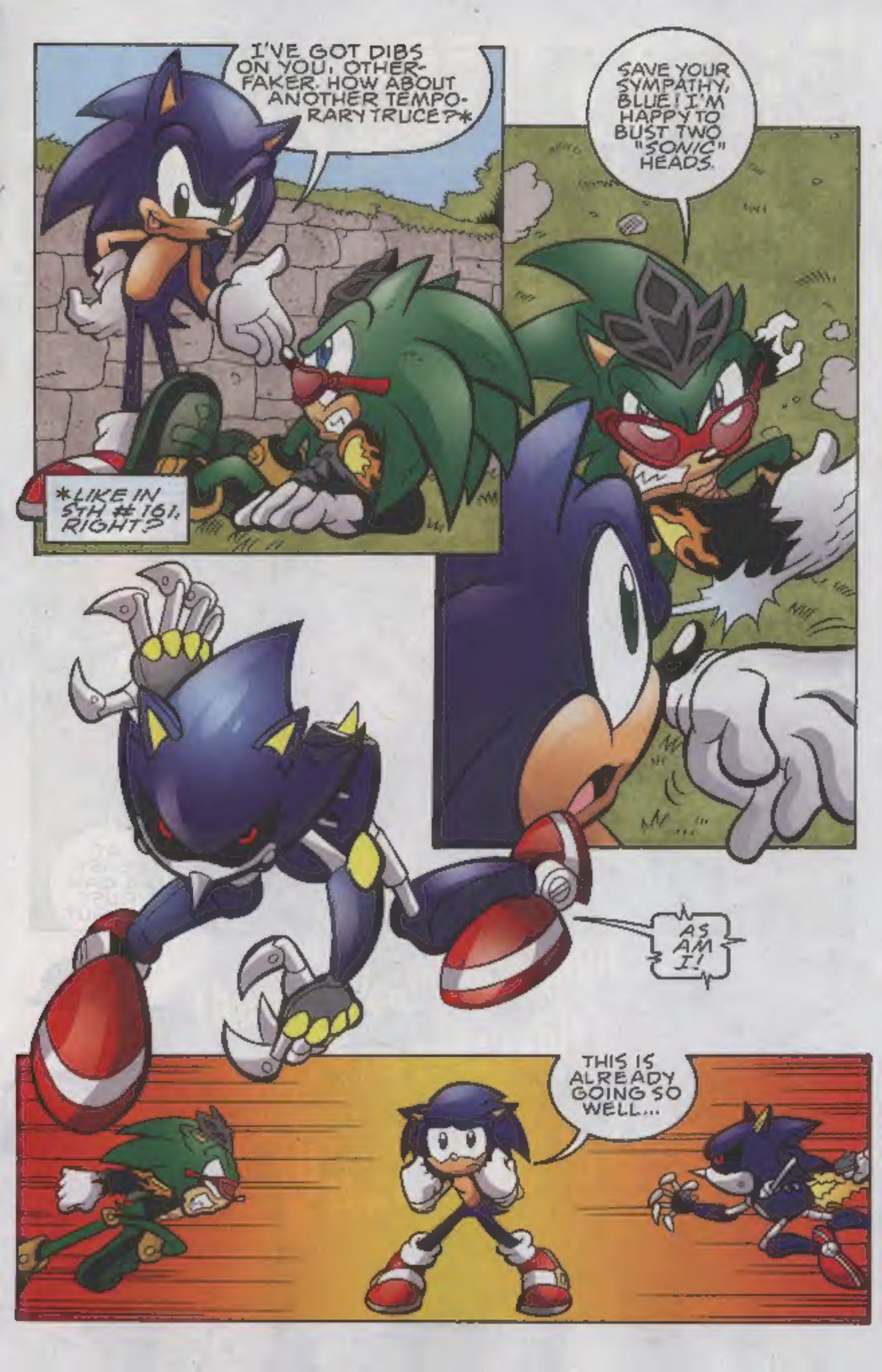
AFTER ALL, YOU CONQUERED OUR WORLD ON YOUR OWN. IF WE HELPED YOU AGAINST ONE ROBOT, WOULD THAT BE UNFORGIVABLY INSULTING?

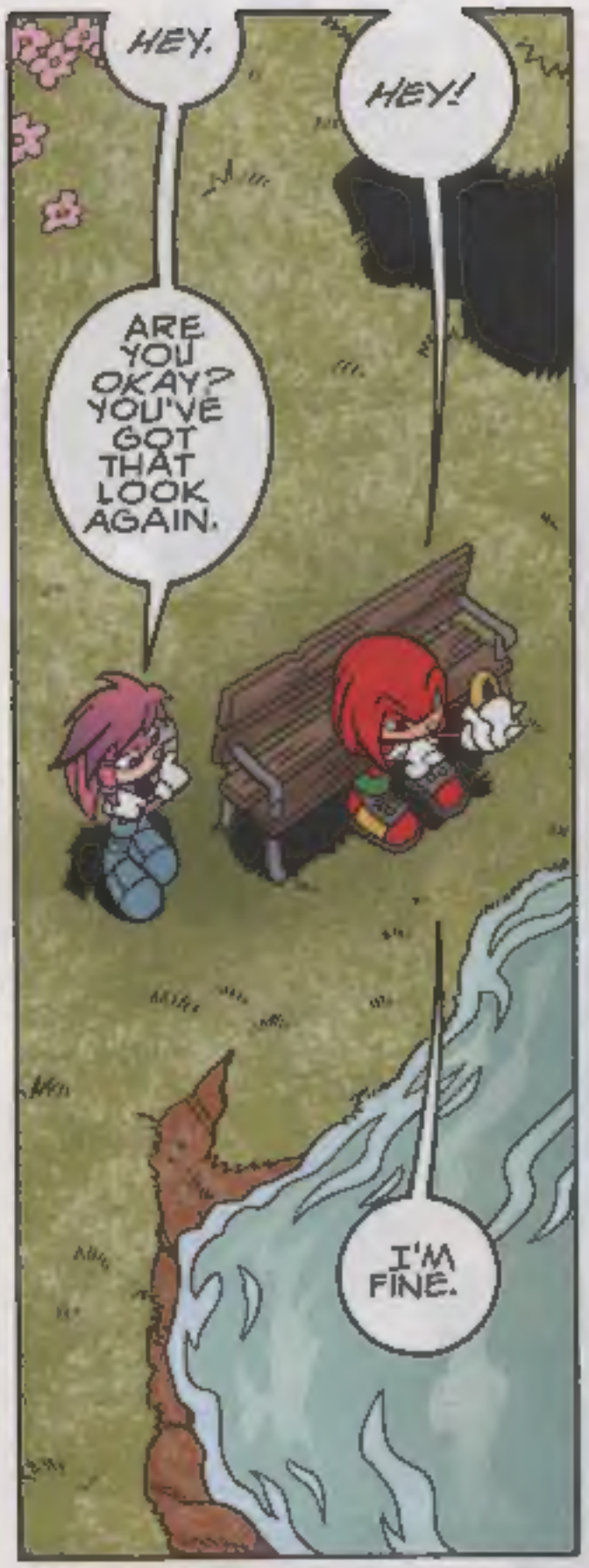
÷GRRHK÷ J-JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

DON'T MAKE ME BRING THE PAIN! YOU'LL REGRET IT!

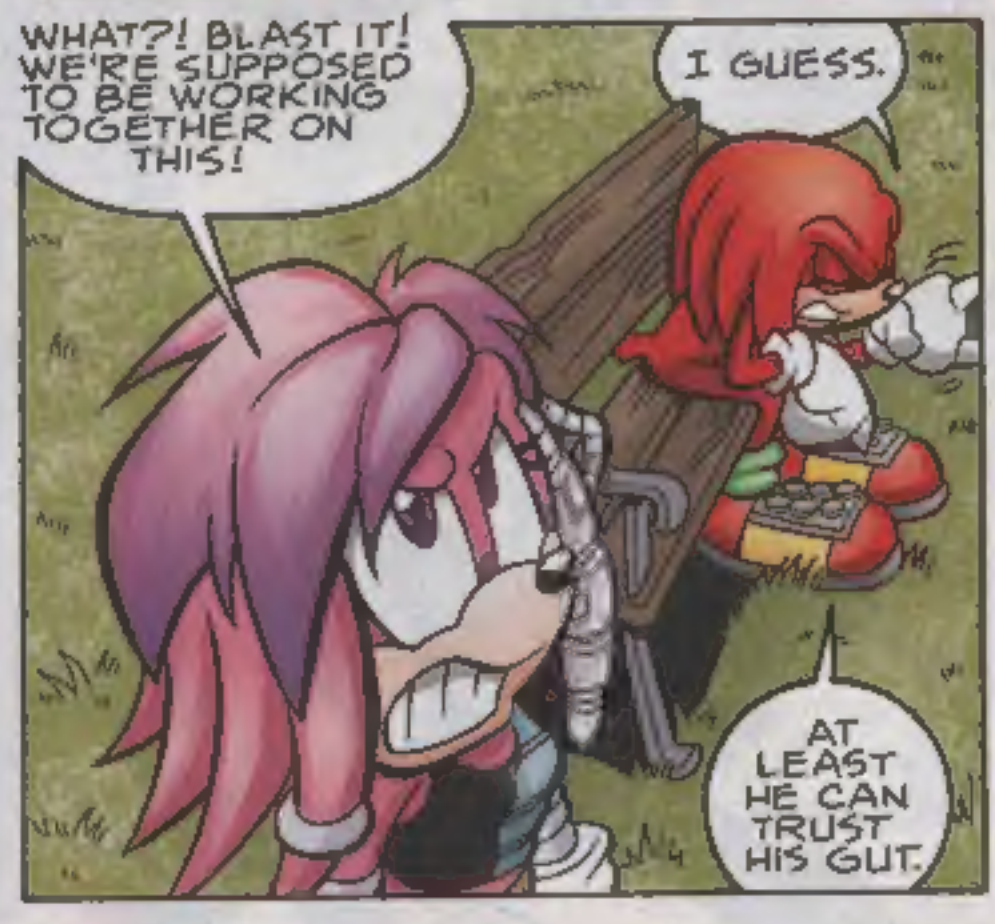
"PAIN" HAS NO MEANING TO A ROBOT, RODENT.

YOU SURE, EGGMAN? LET'S TEST THAT!

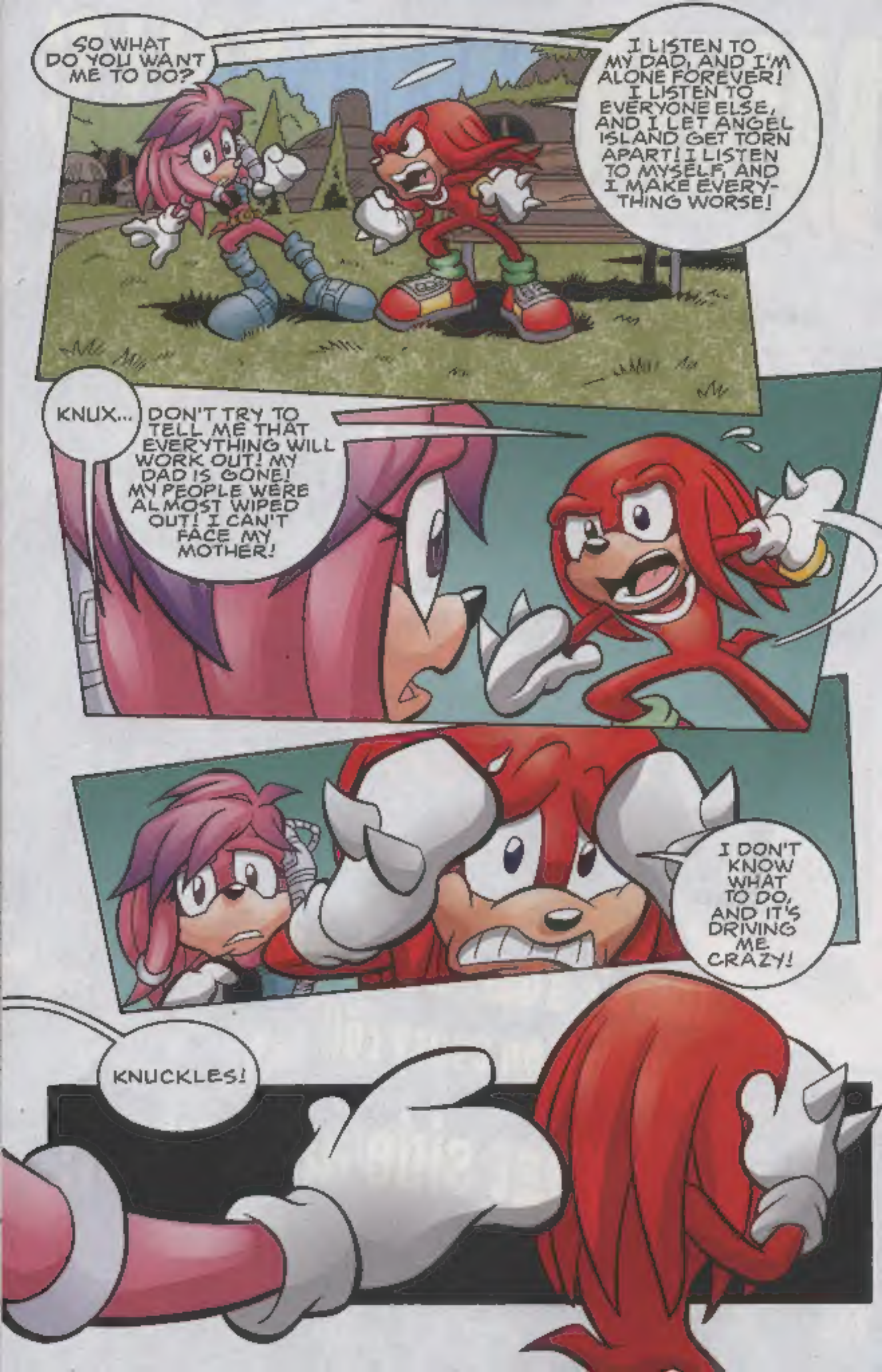

I'VE GOT DIBS ON YOU, OTHER-FAKER. HOW ABOUT ANOTHER TEMPO-RARY TRUCE?*
*LIKE IN STH #161, RIGHT?
SAVE YOUR SYMPATHY, BLUE! I'M HAPPY TO BUST TWO "SONIC" HEADS.
AS AM I!
THIS IS ALREADY GOING SO WELL...


HEY.
HEY!
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'VE GOT THAT LOOK AGAIN.
I'M FINE.

IF YOU SAY SO. HAVE YOU SEEN SONIC? EVERYONE'S GATHERING FOR A TACTICAL MEETING.
HE RAN OFF TO TAKE BACK FREEDOM HQ.


WHAT?! BLAST IT! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS!
I GUESS.
AT LEAST HE CAN TRUST HIS GUT.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
I MAKE TOO MANY MISTAKES ON MY OWN. MAYBE IF I FOLLOW EVERYONE ELSE...
YOU DID THAT, TOO, YOU KNOW.


SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I LISTEN TO MY DAD, AND I'M ALONE FOREVER! I LISTEN TO EVERYONE ELSE, AND I LET ANGEL ISLAND GET TORN APART! I LISTEN TO MYSELF, AND I MAKE EVERY-THING WORSE!
KNUX...
DON'T TRY TO TELL ME THAT EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT! MY DAD IS GONE! MY PEOPLE WERE ALMOST WIPED OUT! I CAN'T FACE MY MOTHER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, AND IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY!
KNUCKLES!

DON'T YOU DARE THINK THIS AFFECTS ONLY YOU! THEY WERE *MY* PEOPLE, MY HOME, AND *MY FAMILY*, TOO! AND WHAT'S LEFT OF MY FAMILY IS WORKING FOR ROBOTNIK!

AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT!

IT'S NOT *ALL* YOUR FAULT! AND SHOUTING THAT ALL THE TIME ISN'T DEALING WITH THE MATTER IT'S RUNNING AWAY FROM IT!

YOU'RE NOT HELPING ANYTHING! I'M OUT OF HERE!

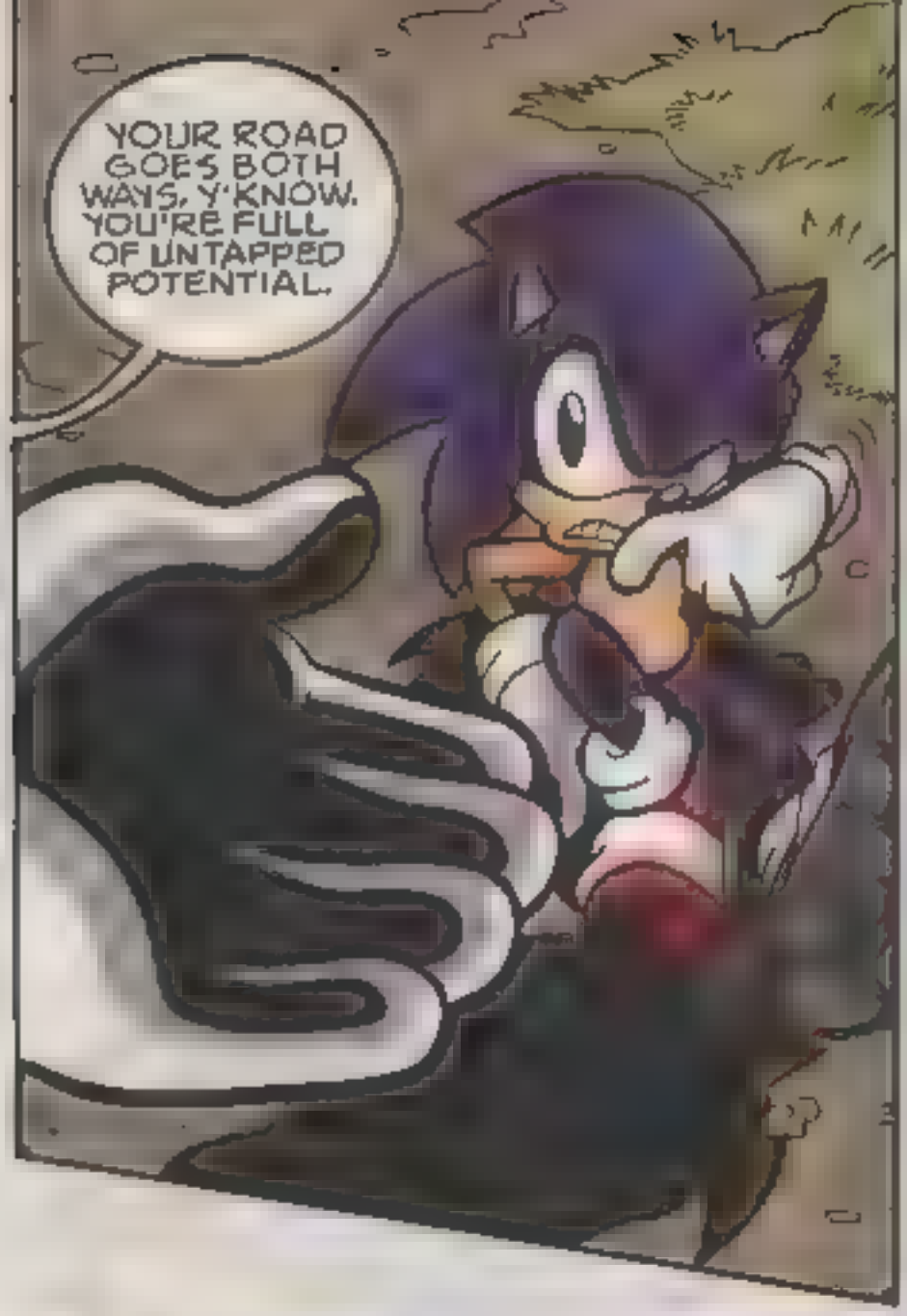
FINE! RUN BACK TO THE ISLAND, FOR ALL I CARE!

FWASH

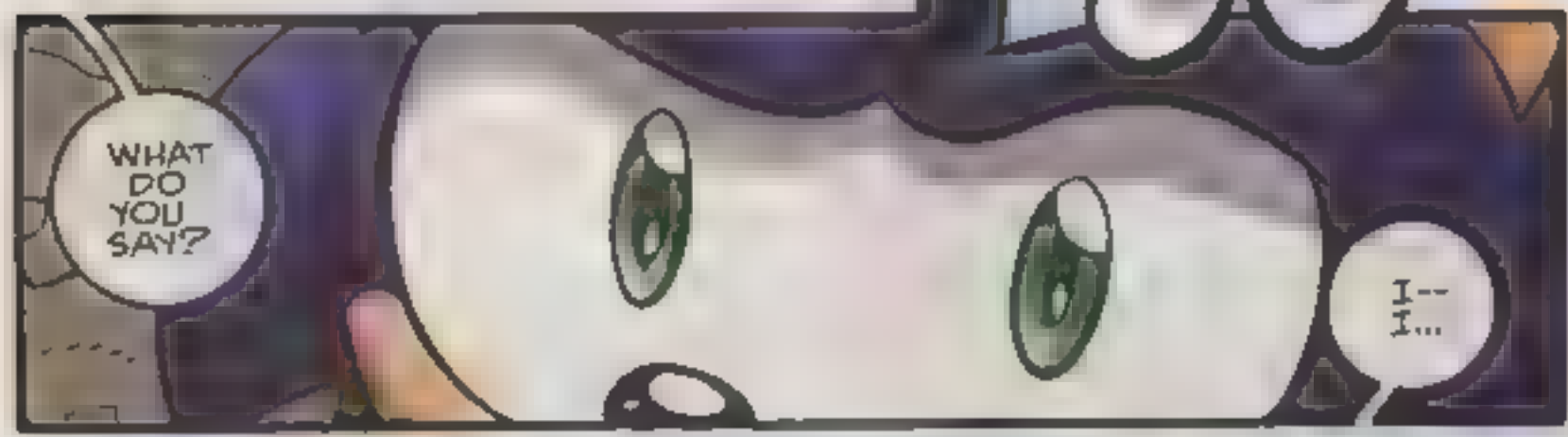
BLAST IT, KNUCKLES I DIDN'T MEAN TO FIGHT WITH YOU!

THIS WAS NOT THE FIGHT I CAME FOR TODAY!
YOU'RE JUST WHINING BECAUSE I'M KICKING YOUR
AUGH!
POW
HANG IN THERE, METAL SONIC!
I'M PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON YOUR REINFORCE-MENTS

Y'KNOW, WHEN I SAID IT WOULDN'T TAKE MUCH FOR YOU TO F ND YOUR FULL POTENT AL, I MEANT THAT MORALLY.
YOU'RE *ME*, FOR PITY'S SAKE!
NOT ANY-MORE!
YOJ COULD BE A HERO!
AND WHAT DOES HEROISM GET YOL?
I'M *KING* OF A *WHOLE PLANET!* I GOT THAT *MY* WAY, NOT YOURS!
FOLKS SMILE AND WAVE TO YOU? *HA!* EVERYONE *BOWS* TO ME!


YOUR ROAD GOES BOTH WAYS, Y'KNOW. YOU'RE FULL OF UNTAPPED POTENTIAL.

CONQUER THIS STUPID LITTLE PLANET. THEN WE CAN ROCK THE ENTIRE MULTI-VERSE TWIN, UNSTOPPABLE KINGS.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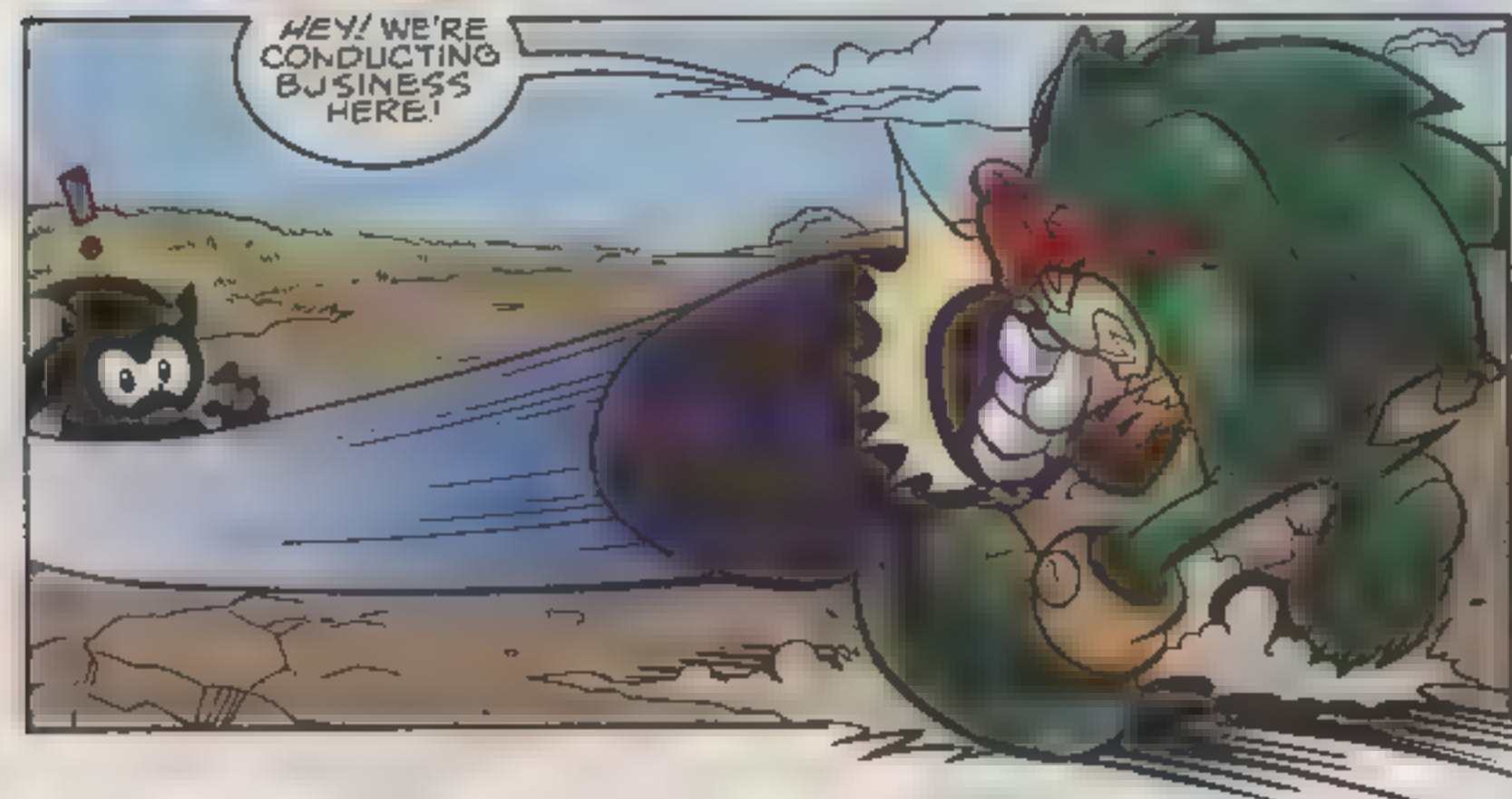
I-- I...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WHY IS HE SO GRUMPY, ARCHIMEDES?

SIGH HE'S STILL GOT A LOT TO FIGURE OUT FROM BEING ENERJAK*

*THE EPIC STORY FROM STH #180-184

OH, OKAY. Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES MY THOUGHTS GET KINDA MIXED UP, TOO. BUT IF I GET ALL ANGRY ABOUT IT, I'LL JUST GET DISTRACTED. SO I JUST TELL MYSELF, "THERE WILL ALWAYS BE MORE FLOWERS."

THAT WAS SURPRISINGLY RELEVANT.

GO ON, LAD. WE'VE GOT THINGS COVERED HERE.

THERE HE IS! C'MON! THE MEETING IS ABOUT TO START!

I'M MESSED UP RIGHT NOW. CAN I SAY "I'M SORRY" NOW AND WORK ON IT LATER?

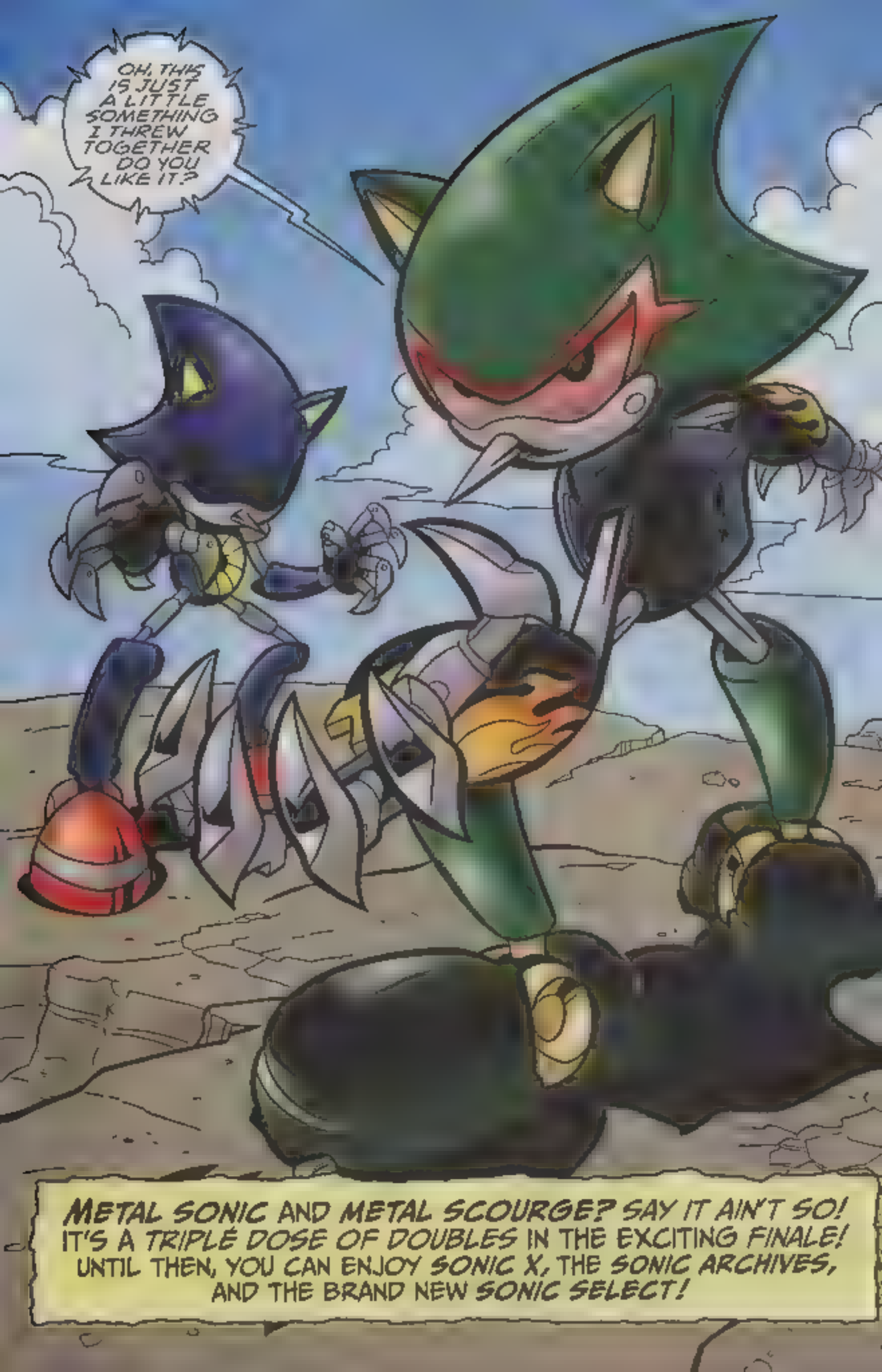
SURE. I'M SORRY FOR YELLING.

OKAY.

SHOULD WE PUSH TO GO AFTER SONIC?

NAH. KNOWING HIM, HE'S GOT THINGS UNDER CONTROL.

THIS IS STARTING TO GET OUT OF HAND.
THANKS FOR THAT! NOW
SKYOW
...HAVE A SEAT!
NOT SO FAST, RODENT! WE'VE JUST GOTTEN STARTED!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME


OH, THIS IS JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING I THREW TOGETHER DO YOU LIKE IT?
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IN ANOTHER TIME...

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ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

ABSOLUTELY! THIS IS THE ONLY CHAOS EMERALD LEFT, SO THE THIEVES HAVE TO COME HERE TO GET IT. WHEN THEY DO - WE'LL BE READY!

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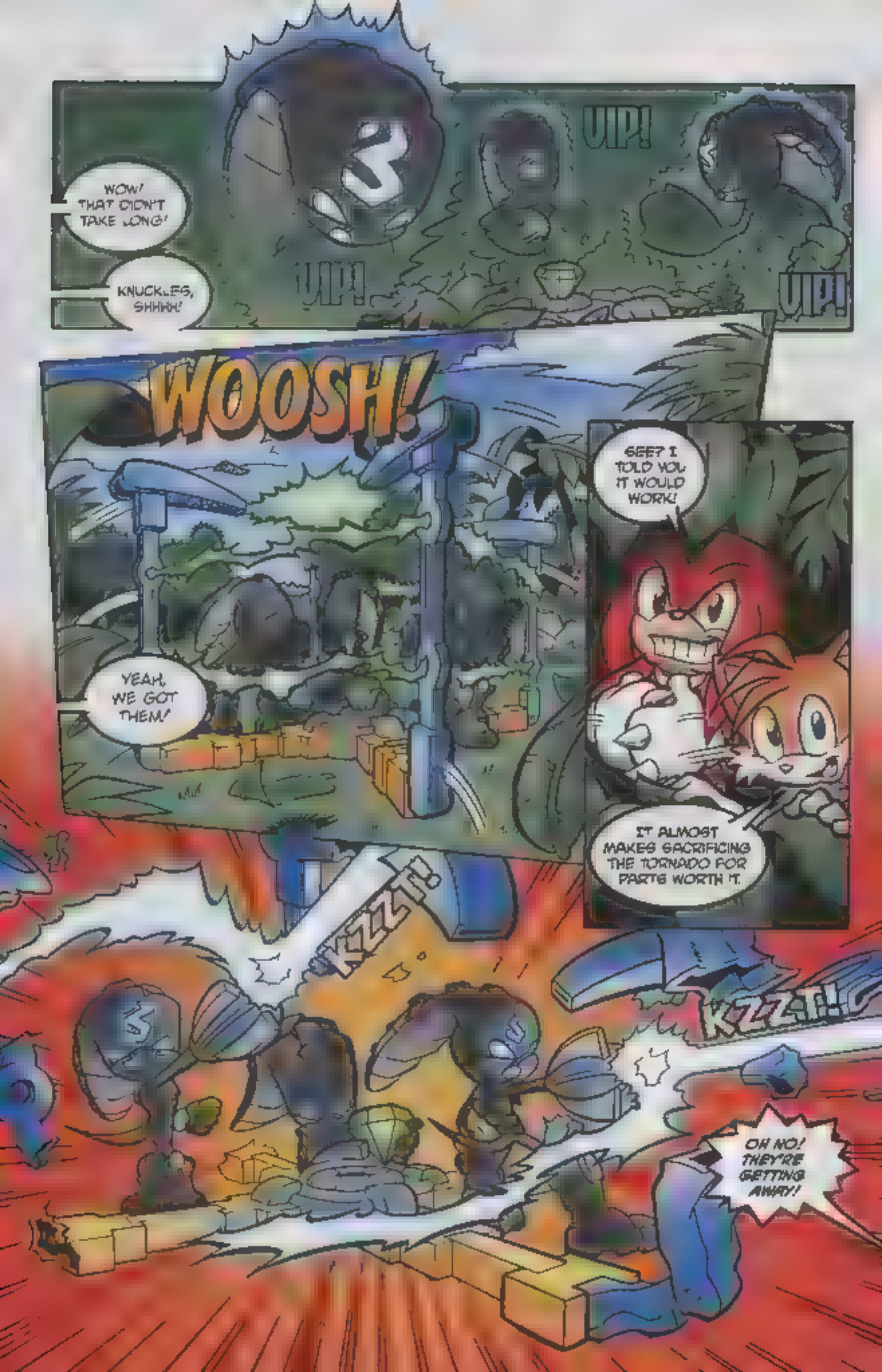
WOW! THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG!
KNUCKLES, SHHHH!
VIP!
VIP!
VIP!
WOOSH!
YEAH, WE GOT THEM!
SEE? I TOLD YOU IT WOULD WORK!
IT ALMOST MAKES SACRIFICING THE TORNADO FOR PARTS WORTH IT.
KZZT!
KZZAT!
OH NO! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!

NO THEY'RE NOT!

VIP!

MORE OF YOU, NUHP BRING IT ON!

IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?! IS THAT ALL?!

ENOUGH. I'LL HANDLE HIM.

LADY, I DON'T GET "HANDLED."

STAND DOWN OR BE PUT DOWN.
TRY IT!
SPEED. STRENGTH. SOME SKILL.
IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH. BUT YOU'RE IN OUR WAY.
YOU WERE WARNED. NOTHING PERSONAL.

HERE'S THE CHAOS EMERALD, SHADE.
GOOD. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
BRING HIM.
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER JUST TO DESTROY HIM?
NO. WE'RE NOT NEEDLESSLY RUTHLESS. EVERYONE - FALL BACK!
VIP!
... THAT WENT REALLY, REALLY BAD.
I NEED TO CALL SONIC BACK FROM HIS JOURNEYS! AND GET AMY . . . AND PROBABLY EVEN G.U.N. WE'RE GOING TO NEED A WHOLE TEAM TO SAVE KNUCKLES!
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Dear Sonic-Grams: My name is Phil, AKA "Sonic the Hedgehog." I've always loved Tracy Yardley's artwork. I see it might take time to be Sonic's ultimate fan, but that's not the point.

By George, I think he gets it!

Thanks for bringing back the S.S.S.S.S. Squad from the old "Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog" cartoon!

Bonus childogs if you know what that stands for. (And no cheating!)

Will Fiona marry Tails? (even though for the moment the likelihood is slim) In "Mobius: 25 Years Later", Tails had a kid.

In M:25YL, Tails is married to Mina Mongoose. Talk about a heist! As far as Fiona goes, would you really want to marry someone who a) beat you up, b) dated your best friend, and c) tried to conquer your dimension with an evil doppelganger of said best friend?

Your comic is mentioned in the "Guinness Book of World Records: Gamers' Edition as the longest-running videogame-based comic!

It's true – look it up!

Oh, and remember: Sonic is faster than lightning but quieter than a mouse. He'll be [illegible] even gone.

- PHIL A., CALIFORNIA

Sonic is poetry in motion!

Dear Sonic-Grams: I feel I owe you guys a great deal of [illegible] for all the stories you've written over the years. I'm twenty years old and I've been reading your comics since I was nine, so I've pretty much grown up in a Sonic world. I've been reading all my old issues of "Knuckles" lately, and I'm just now realizing how much of an impact this character had on me. I'm just not sure you're completely aware how much those stories helped kids ('cause I know it helped me). It gave me something I really needed at that point in my life. For all the problems my family had, at that age I had no idea how to handle it. But every month there were your comics at the grocery store, and I never, NEVER missed an issue; still haven't. I felt so close to Knuckles' character: my father died when I was really little and the whole idea that though Knux felt alone, and pretty much was, his father was always watching over him, that really meant a lot to me. Those stories have really touched me and will always have a place in my heart. I owe you guys so much and I'll always support you. And if you ever did start writing the "Knuckles" comic again, I'd be the first one to the comic stand to get a copy with tears in my eyes. Keep the comics coming and keep up the good work. "Sonic" comics will always be a part of who I am, no matter how old I get. Thank you for all the good times and the great stories, past, present, and future alike.

- RYAN H., GEORGIA

Thanks, Ryan.

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